

CIVIC RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST
Councillor Anne Underwood – Finance & Governance Lord Mayor Lord Mayor's Consort New CEO Strategic Services - 4 Officers Economy - 2 Officers Place - 1 Officer	Gold Coast and Brisbane, Australia	27 March to 17 April 2018 (dates variable)	<p>To attend the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, either as delegates to the official Observers Programme, or to fulfil civic duties.</p> <p>Staging a major multi-sports event such as the Commonwealth Games is a complex logistical operation. To ensure a future Host City is as prepared as possible, there is a clear need for a transfer of knowledge and the best and usual way to do that is to attend the edition of the Games that comes immediately before. Mindful of the need to represent best value to the taxpayer, there was a clear commitment from the Birmingham 2022 team that the minimum possible number of delegates would attend, but what they brought would be invaluable in the four years ahead.</p> <p>In the case of Birmingham, the normal preparation period is significantly shorter following the withdrawal of Durban as the initial 2022 Host, increasing the importance of maximising the time available ahead of the staging of the Games.</p> <p>That means the experience, learning and contacts gained from the Gold Coast will be invaluable for Birmingham, covering all aspects of a Games from the delivery of the village to transport, security, venue configuration, ticketing, communications and of course the sporting experience for athletes.</p> <p>In addition, there was a ceremonial and civic requirement for the city of Birmingham to be represented and presented to the world once the attention turned away from Gold Coast 2018 and towards Birmingham 2022, also requiring support.</p> <p>Presenting the Birmingham 2022 story to the world's media was important. This included direct support for the local journalists attending, via background briefings, interviews with the delegation and regional athletes and joint press conferences. This also included managing media moments such as Birmingham's role in the handover ceremony, as well as first-hand operational experience of managing hundreds of international journalists, photographers and camera crews at a multi-sport event.</p> <p>The Commonwealth Games Federation expects the host city for each Games to arrange a full programme of briefings and visits for the next Games city to learn and understand how the Games will work in practice. Birmingham will in due course do this for its successor.</p>	<p>£49,022.05 Flights: £20,784.54 Accommodation: £20,468.96 Subsistence: £3,521.87 Fee to attend observer programme: £4,246.68 Authorised by Councillor Ian Ward / Stella Manzie</p>

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			<p>The Commonwealth Games Federation had an expectation that Birmingham City Council would send a higher number of delegates to the Gold Coast but delegates were kept at a minimum to reduce costs.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes: Have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established an understanding of how to achieve Legacy Outcomes for the whole site that will be used during games time – currently there are legacy aspirations for the Residential Accommodation which is being built but further work now needs to be progressed for the overlay site – which is the adjacent part of the Village which will be used for the temporary facilities during games time, such as the dining hall, transport mall and other ancillary facilities. Clarifying our post games legacy aspirations for the site will mean that we design the 'games time village' to fit in with our legacy plans as opposed to developing a temporary solution which does not fit in with our legacy aspirations. There will be an integrated delivery programme for the whole of the Village with key milestones, interdependencies and risks identified. Relevant individuals will be identified to take responsibility for every aspect of the village. We now have a greater understanding of what partners roles are, ie what the Organising Committee (OC) is responsible for, what the Council is responsible for and how support and challenge will be provided by partners such as DCMS and CGFP. Established a better understanding of the key groups / stakeholders with whom engagement and close working is required. This will lead to the establishment of a Capital Project Group for the Village which will need to include relevant transport, security and resilience leads as part of development process for the Village – need to establish whether the security and transport requirements have an impact on how we lay village out. Informed plans for testing usability of all areas of the Athletes Village. 	

NETWORK RELATED VISITS

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Councillor Ian Ward Place - 1 Officer	Dresden, Germany	25-27 April 2018	<p>To attend a Eurocities Culture Forum Meeting.</p> <p>Birmingham currently chairs the Eurocities Culture Forum. Cllr Ian Ward was elected chair of the Culture Forum in November 2016 and is required to attend various Eurocities events during the year including two Culture Forum meetings to make connections with the work programmes of the other groups, as well as to chair the broader Eurocities work plan.</p> <p>Birmingham is expected to lead on developing the agenda, facilitating the meetings and hosting the political sessions as part of its commitment. Through its role as Chair of the Forum the Council also has a seat on the Executive Committee of the organisation, giving Birmingham a voice in wider discussions, and fulfilling the Council's intention to be outward-facing and to be a strategic influencer (A Modern Council).</p> <p>Practical Outcomes: Conference Summary Outcomes</p> <p><i>1. Culture is a tool for cities to involve citizens in a dialogue about our common future</i></p> <p>Culture creates opportunities for local authorities to engage in democratic dialogue with audiences through events (Karlsruhe and the Festival of European culture), specific venues (Base for Art in Utrecht), or educational projects ('Leave the Mark: integration paths through comic strips' in Milan).</p> <p>Cultural initiatives can make visible what is not and give a voice to invisible parts of the population. They can help deconstruct prejudgments and encourage social inclusion. Arts and culture, in their various forms, provide a mean to bring more enthusiasm and curiosity in the local governance.</p> <p><i>2. Art in the public space is a tool to foster dialogue</i></p> <p>Discussions emphasised the impact public art has on generating sustainable and fruitful exchanges between local authorities and locals.</p> <p>Dresden showed example where art provoked dialogue and interrogated what 'living together' means. Different opinions, included the extreme ones, should be collected, heard and considered by local authorities to rethink local governance.</p>	<p>£1,208.60 Flights: £692.84 Subsistence: £138.54 Accommodation: £377.22 Authorised by Jacqui Kennedy</p>

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			<p><i>3. Citizens' involvement: gathering intelligences</i></p> <p>Co-creation is necessary to outline common narratives and to counter extremist discourses. Cultural institutions can use co-creation and participation tools (e.g. cultural mediators) to assimilate citizen's experience and expertise to be more intelligent and sustainable. Diversifying languages used in the local cultural landscape has also been identified as a mean to widen dialogue.</p> <p>The EUROCITIES campaign Cities4Europe- Europe for citizens highlights local initiatives and encourages diverse forms of projects where people come first and where trust between citizens and public authorities is strengthened.</p> <p><i>4. Connecting culture to other policies for more impacts and more funding</i></p> <p>Connecting culture to other sectors as education or health and well-being can help deepen the impacts of cultural projects and increase funding. Supporting cross-sectorial and participatory projects can help tackle the governance and the financial challenges faced by cities.</p> <p>The final day of the Forum was the Business session which was chaired by Cllr Ward. The day included; summary presentations from site visits, discussion on implementing the Eurocities Cultural Strategy and planning for the next Forum in Lisbon in October 2018.</p>	
European and international Affairs, Economy – 1 Officer	Athens, Greece	15-18 May 2018	<p>To attend Eurocities Executive Committee.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting in Athens was to primarily attend the meeting of the Eurocities officers 'Executive Committee' which prepares the content, agenda and working papers for the subsequent politicians executive committee which the Leader of the Council normally attends. In addition to the Executive Committee, Eurocities also held its annual cooperation platform which brings together all its 140 member cities to progress its forward plan and work programmes. This year the focus was on the Future of Eurocities and how the network remains relevant to cities. The platform reported on a members survey which included evaluations regarding membership structure, priorities and communications. This led to roundtable sessions on the future visioning of the network. The meeting also prepared for a political discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting on the UN Sustainable Development goals.</p>	<p>£930.10 Flight: £397.25 Subsistence: £69.92 Accommodation: £471.93 Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>

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Councillor Tristan Chatfield European and international Affairs, Economy – 1 Officer	Ghent, Belgium	4-5 June 2018	<p>To attend the Eurocities Executive Committee (Politicians) meeting.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes: Accompanied Councillor Tristan Chatfield at the EUROCITIES ExCOM meeting who was asked to attend on behalf the Leader of the Council. This was a strategically important meeting discussing the future of EUROCITIES in the context of changes impacting European Union. The meeting also looked at the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and how to practically incorporate these at the city level and to make sure that we monitor whether our residents are healthier, live longer (bridging the life expectancy gap within cities), have fair access to healthy food, good quality education, clean air and water, etc.</p>	<p>£1,295.55 Flight: £ 955.64 Subsistence: £100.45 (tbc) Accommodation: £239.46 Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>
European and international Affairs, Economy - 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	25-27 June 2018	<p>To attend Eurocities Urban Working Groups (Cohesion Policy, Governance and EU Urban Agenda Working Groups) and meeting with staff at the Brussels Office.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes: The visit to Brussels served 2 key objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Firstly there was a visit to our Brussels Office to inform and follow up with staff on the latest governance changes with regards to the financing and future management of the Office. New arrangements include the establishment of a new Management Board including UoB, BCU and Warwick University which sees them pay a financial contribution offsetting the net costs of running the office. The visit also allowed time to provide 1:1 work programme meetings with staff. 2. There was also attendance at three Eurocities 'Urban' Working Groups which have been overseeing the new EU proposals for future urban/city governance, cohesion policy and the new Multi Annual Financial Framework. The last two working groups in particular have been examining new proposals for future EU funding programmes. It is important for Birmingham to closely follow these developments in order to influence the nature of them, especially in the context of Brexit and continued access to programmes/funding as a '3rd Country'. 	<p>£891.61 Flight: £429.22 Subsistence: £44.70 Accommodation: £417.69 Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>

PARTNER CITIES RELATED VISITS

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Councillor Ian Ward European and international Affairs, Economy – 2 Officers	Chicago, USA	4-8 June 2018	<p>Mayors Global Cities Forum and 25th Sister City Anniversary between Birmingham and Chicago.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes: The visit to Chicago was undertaken with a small delegation of partners/stakeholders from across the City under the auspices of the 25th anniversary of the Birmingham/Chicago Sister City Partnership. There was a wide ranging and varied programme of meetings undertaken by all partners but for BCC specifically this included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participation in Mayor Rahm Emanuel's 'Mayors Global Summit' which included the Leader participating in a Mayoral Roundtable on Inclusive Growth alongside Mayors of significant Cities around the World. 2. The Leader presented Birmingham's approach and key initiatives on inclusive growth at one of the key summit workshops. 3. There was a meeting specifically with Mayor Emanuel 4. There was a meeting with the Chicago Consul General 5. There were meetings with significant private investment companies who have a stake in Birmingham's property and commercial developments providing an opportunity to highlight and promote further capital and investment opportunities 6. There was a meeting with regards to the longstanding Tri-City Social Workers exchange which has facilitated exchanges of social workers between Chicago, Hamburg and Birmingham for 20 years 7. There was a meeting with the Chicago Public Safety Chief for City Hall and wider reps including Chicago Police Dept regarding how city deal with guns, knives and gangs. BCC is following up with Chicago to explore approaches and initiatives taken in Chicago. 8. There was a Cultural roundtable meeting involving key cultural umbrella bodies in Birmingham and Chicago exploring the future financing and sustainability of City Culture and the role of city authorities in promoting and supporting culture as part of its global attraction and enabler of inclusion. 9. There was a visit to a University of Illinois led 'collaborative innovation centre' which creates 'maker spaces' which bring together, academics, business, students and the public sector to develop innovative approached to services or solutions to problems – this was explored from a public service perspective with key contributions from BCU and STEAMHOUSE. 	<p>£6,008.99 Flights: £2,954.46 Subsistence: £677.84 Accommodation: £2,376.69 Authorised by Councillor Brigid Jones / Waheed Nazir</p>

PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS

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European and international Affairs, Economy – 1 Officer	Amsterdam, Netherlands	3-5 April 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: Unlocking Social and Economic Innovation Together (USE-IT!).</p> <p>To represent Birmingham during the Amsterdam meeting of the EUROCITIES Working Group on Food.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Group began working on the H2020 bid on food systems in cities. One of the reasons Birmingham participated in this is our focus on access to nutritious meals for low income families. The purpose of our engagement is to keep this as one of the important strands in the project. The outcome of the visit will be our submission of bid to H2020 jointly with the EUROCITIES WG Food. Participated in inspiring discussions about Amsterdam's work focusing on combating obesity – Amsterdam claim they managed to reduce obesity in children by combining efforts of all city services: public health, sport, planning, and economy. Participated in study visits to several inspiring examples around circular economy: 1) industrial symbiosis; and 2) housing and its impact on local economy. The second example has been particularly relevant to the USE-IT project and the work planned on Port Loop around food waste. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Ian MacLeod</p>
GBSLEP Growth Hub, Economy – 1 Officer	Prague, Czech Republic	8-11 April 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: An INTERREG Europe funded proposal (PURE COSMOS).</p> <p>To attend short conference as an independent "expert".</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of part of project Pure Cosmos work package. Exchange of ideas on public policy around SME support. Support partners in Usti, Czech Rep to implement similar models to GBSLEP Growth Hub. Developing an understanding of methodologies used by other member states and their relevance to Birmingham and its work with SMEs. The work has helped contribute to the SEP and the GBSLEP Growth Plan and Industrial Strategy that will facilitate the conditions and infrastructure to support business start-ups. Help with improvements around the modernisation of Council Services to businesses. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>

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European and international Affairs, Economy – 1 Officer GBSLEP Growth Hub, Economy – 1 Officer	Bratislava, Slovak Republic	17-19 April 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: Interreg Europe Urban Manufacturing Project. Attend a policy meeting and study visit in Bratislava, Slovakia for the Interreg Europe Urban Manufacturing project.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes: This visit was taken in the context of Birmingham's participation in the EU Funded Urban M project. This project explores how 7 cities across the EU utilise EU funding to support Innovation and Business Support. During the visit there were presentations and study visits presenting explicit examples of how ERDF funding has been utilised to support Fab Labs, Science Parks and Collaborative Maker Spaces. BCC's strategic policy leadership role for EU funding in GBSLEP allows it to influence new funding calls and the visit has brought back good practice examples to consider for funding in Birmingham as well as share its own innovation and business support provision supported by EU resources.</p>	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir
Transportation and Connectivity, Economy– 1 Officer	Vienna, Austria	17-19 April 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: OPTIMUM project.</p> <p>To attend the 8th plenary meeting for the Multi-source Big Data Fusion Driven Proactivity for Intelligent Mobility (OPTIMUM) project.</p> <p>Activities: The following topics were discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We discussed the mobile app that gives users more travel sustainable options and how it should be used. • We discussed how points would be obtained by the participants and what the maximum number of points obtained could be. • A minimum of 40 participants are required to make the trial for the app successful, they need to use the app for a minimum period of 6 weeks and the data needs to be recorded via the app. • Timescales were discussed. <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that all pilots should start the app testing and run it for a period of 6 weeks. If we did not get enough applicants then we could run further recruitment sessions. • All app testing needs to be concluded by the first week in June 2018. • All applicants need to complete the online questionnaire once they sign on to the app and then again when the trial is over. • There will be another meeting in Portugal at the end of August and our report will be presented to the European Commission. 	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir

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Policy and Programmes, Economy– 1 Officer	Bremen, Germany	24-27 April 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: ELIPTIC Project. To attend ELectrification of Public Transport In Cities (ELIPTIC) European Funded project final partner meeting and conference.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes: Two key outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of Birmingham and learning from other Eliptic partner experience and differing assessments of deploying electric buses at the level of scale and infrastructure developments required. Understand if other partners findings could be replicated in Birmingham. 2. Workshop session with Warsaw Eliptic partner to present feasibility study on EV bus charging scenarios and Total Cost of Ownership parameters <p>BCC shared its investigation into the possibility of introducing battery electric buses, with specific analysis of the proposed Sprint Buses being electric on key routes from Birmingham airport to Halesowen via Birmingham City Centre. Understanding the strategic positioning of charging stations.</p>	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Kevin Hicks</p>
Information, Technology and Digital Services, Strategic Services – 2 Officers	Belgrade, Serbia	2-5 May 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: PULSE project. To attend PULSE project meeting.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further development of the PULSEAir app based on feedback from the pilot partners – Birmingham is leading the pilot in Sparkbrook, Sparkhill and Bordesley Green. This improved the content of the app – both the questions being asked and also the look and feel. The app is collecting health, social, environmental, motility data from participants and augmenting this with other data from cities on e.g. air quality. The aim is to promote healthier lifestyles and an awareness of the importance of air quality and their role in terms of sustainable living. • Received agreement from project technical lead for the purchase of 20 air quality sensors that will be located close to schools and will provide additional data on air quality (PMs and NOs etc) at neighbourhood level. • Reviewed the models being used to measure risk to participants of diabetes and asthma based on their data and how this would be communicated back to participants. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Angela Probert</p>

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Place - 1 Officer	Cannes, France	11-15 May 2018	<p>To attend the Marche Du Film and Association of Film Commissions International (ACFI) Event (Promotional and networking visit).</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of the trip was to meet connect with industry colleagues, make new connections and promote Birmingham & WM as a destination for film. Marche Du Film (Cannes Film Festival) is the leading Industry market place event in the annual calendar. Meetings held with production companies, directors and studio executive. Further meeting arranged for back in the UK with Animus Films for a slate of films to be filmed in the region. Potential for co-production with UK & Canadian company for feature film to be filmed in Birmingham 2018/19. Meeting with Prano Bailey (director, Salt Films) to discuss FB services and locations for feature film 'Sensor' late 2018. Potential for £5 million of spend in the city for 2018/19. 	<p>£792.21 Flight: £230.10 Subsistence: £146.11 Accommodation: £416.00 Authorised by Jacqui Kennedy</p>
Information, Technology and Digital Services, Strategic Services – 1 Officer	Lecce, Italy	13-15 May 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: City4Age Project. To attend an annual EU Review Project meeting.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birmingham presented back on the deployment of the city4Age wearable technologies and intelligent systems to support older people (over 65) living with frailty to stay independent, active and engaged in managing their health and wellbeing in the pilot study areas of Sutton Coldfield and Yardley This highlighted good progress in terms of recruitment – 55 participants actively involved in data collection on their health, motility, physical activity and socialisation Data is being collected through the use of wearables (smart watch) and sensors located in places that people visit on a regular basis (e.g. supermarkets, restaurants, faith centres) An intervention plan was developed, along with a bank of messaging and resources that will support the promotion of activities that will support older people to increase their physical, mental and social activity based on their data The dashboard for reviewing the data collected on individuals has been enhanced to allow annotations by the geriatrician and care givers Birmingham is now looking at how it can exploit the use of this technology as part of future delivery of health & social care services and is working with UHB and BCC Adults and Communities 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Angela Probert</p>

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Information, Technology and Digital Services, Strategic Services – 1 Officer	Usti Region, Czech Republic	15-17 May 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: An INTERREG Europe funded proposal (PURE COSMOS).</p> <p>To deliver a technical workshop and attend project management meeting.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The technical workshop brought together stakeholders and project partners to plan completion of a draft regional action plan by 31 December 2018. Birmingham leads the Exchange of Experiences and was responsible for the successful delivery of this technical session. The workshop identified approaches to support the development of a Regional Action plan for GBSLEP focused on enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs and improving the digitisation of council services. An import workshop is now being planned for Birmingham on 26th September at the REP working with GBSLEP Growth Hub that will bring together stakeholders and key experts to look at specific solutions and strategies to support delivery of the local Industrial Strategy and contribute to the wider WMCA SEP. The meeting also provided opportunity for project partners to report back on progress, review finance and next steps. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Angela Probert</p>
Highways and Infrastructure, Economy– 1 Officer	Epirus, Greece	15-17 May 2018	<p>To attend and speak at an introductory conference relating to procurement of a regional Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project for street lighting / energy reduction / sustainable tourism.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Birmingham is recognised in other countries as an authority that procures significant contracts and with expertise in mobilising such contracts. Greece has no similar PPP contracts from which it can learn and the UK is a leader in this sector. Adding wider understanding around project finance is beneficial and will support our ability to retain such finance in the future. This visit contributed to individual development and experience: taking opportunities to develop our staff and make them more effective in what they do. The experience learned from other Private Finance Initiative (PFI) / PPP projects is relevant in both procurement and operation of contracts. Under the council's conditions of grant, learning from and sharing our experience / knowledge with other public sector organisations is expected. 	<p>ALL COSTS COVERED BY CONFERENCE ORGANISERS Authorised by Kevin Hicks</p>

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Place - 1 Officer	Plovdiv, Bulgaria	29 May - 1 June 2018	<p>To attend a Movement Spaces project workshop with other partners from the programme.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We met partners from other projects within the programme to update on progress and to consider options for the EU funding proposal for youth engagement in partnership with Street Games who work to take sport to the doorstep in disadvantaged communities with a remit for working with young people and improving health and job opportunities. The meeting also looked at how Cities and communities could work together to promote activity in underused spaces, community cohesion and sharing of ideas; As a result of this meeting BCC will receive funding to develop a programme working with citizens in our most hard to reach communities. 	<p>£39.55</p> <p>FLIGHT AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS MET BY INTERNATIONAL SPORTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION (ISCA)</p> <p>Subsistence: £39.55</p> <p>Authorised by Jacqui Kennedy</p>
Corporate Procurement Services, Strategic Services – 2 Officers	Lisbon, Portugal	3-6 June 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: Cities Grow project.</p> <p>To attend a Cities Grow working group.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CITIES-Grow is an EU funded project coordinated by EUROCITIES with the support of Migration Policy Group, Migration Work-CIC and Migration Policy Institute. Birmingham is one of 4 cities (Utrecht, Lisbon and Brighton) working together as part of the project to share best practice, experiences and learning regarding the integration of migrants and refugees through economic activities, particularly through the commissioning/procurement process. Commissioning and Procurement took over the Cities Grow Project in November 2017, when the Equalities Team disbanded. Originally, Birmingham was aligned to mentor Lisbon however following the success of our previous meeting with the cohort, Birmingham was asked to mentor all three cities. While we were mentoring we also learnt from the other cities and have shared best practice, documents and networking contacts with our BCC colleagues in other teams such as the Prevention, Communities and Migration Team. <p>As a result we are invited to report back at a conference in Milan in November.</p>	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Angela Probert</p>
European and international Affairs, Economy – 1 Officer	Lodz, Poland	5-8 June 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: Regeneration Mix.</p> <p>Represent Birmingham at the workshop organised by URBACT Transfer Network Regeneration Mix.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <p>The URBACT project Regeneration Mix aims to connect the growth in cities with positive outcomes for their residents. The meeting in Lodz was to observe a large scale housing regeneration programme in Lodz (the largest in Europe) with the intention to bring back best practice relevant to Birmingham context. Several models of working with communities in regenerated areas have been evaluated and will be further develop to fit to Birmingham's context as a result of the project.</p>	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>

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Policy and Programmes, Economy – 1 Officer	Valencia, Spain	17-19 June 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: Transition Regions Towards Industrial Symbiosis (TRIS) project. To Chair Steering Committee meeting and attend Interregional visit.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Lead Partner, BCC chairs the projects' Steering Committee; the partnership includes representatives from UK International Synergies, IVACE & Aidimme, Valencia Spain, Emilia-Romagna & Aster, Bologna, Italy and HOI & IFKA, Budapest, Hungary. The steering meeting discussed future tasks; deliverables achieved so far; and the current budgetary information. Decisions were made around Good Practices from different regions and the review of draft Action Plans which will influence each regions policy around the development of Industrial Symbiosis. The Interregional meeting entailed presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnoses and Information Tools. Matchmaking and e-cooperation Tools- 4 examples of material sharing projects gave presentations. Study visit to a Waste Treatment Plant for Lighting and Energy Accumulators. Study visit to an Anaerobic Digester for creating fertilisers. This is a LIFE funded project. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>
Policy and Programmes, Economy – 1 Officer	Rotterdam, Netherlands	19 June 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: Climate KIC project. To attend Climate KIC Assembly Meeting.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes: The purpose of the visit was to represent BCC at the meeting of the Assembly of Core Partners.</p> <p>Attendance was required at this meeting as a partner organisation in Climate KIC. Attended as a proxy in lieu of the Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment.</p> <p>The meeting approved the minutes of previous meetings in September 2017 and the group voted on a number of items: 1. Appointment V. Alfaya as GB member – passed. 2. Extension of 2017 accounts preparation until Assembly meeting September 2018 – passed.</p> <p>The meeting also received an update from Climate-KIC CEO Kirsten Dunlop covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business update Finance update Operations update Financial sustainability update 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>

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Corporate Strategy, Strategic Services – 1 Officer	Krakow, Poland	19-22 June 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: SETA project. To attend A SETA Group Project meeting.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main reason and outcome of the meeting was to present our findings on the technology and methodology that will foster a change in the way mobility is understood and organised, monitored and planned in metropolitan areas as well as research and findings to the EU review panel at the halfway stage. • We attend all the SETA meeting with all consortium partners in attendance. We reported on Birmingham's progress on the progress of our milestones and actions against the deliverables of the project. • Participated in discussions of Birmingham's requirements in regards to this project. • The meeting also provides a valuable opportunity to learn what other partners have been doing in regards to stakeholder analysis, big data collection and mobility / transport modelling for their cities. • Feedback provided to the Birmingham Project Team and other project linked to this work on Big Birmingham Bikes, Active Parks and Active Data that are already under way. In addition it also links with Transportation whose priorities include active travel and behaviour change. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Angela Probert</p>
Information, Technology and Digital Services, Strategic Services – 1 Officer	Luxembourg	30 June 2018 – 2 July 2018	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: PULSE project. To attend annual EU project review meeting.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives from each of the project partners attended the first annual review of the project. • Partners were able to meet with the EU project team and reviewers and present back the key elements of the project and gain feedback • They were impressed with the technical development of the PULSEair app, which collects personal data from citizens covering health, social, environmental, mobility, socio economic supplemented with open data e.g. on air quality. • Birmingham presented back on the deployment of the pilot test bed in Sparkbrook, Sparkhill and Bordesley Green – currently there are 25 participants that are using the app and have been given a fitbit to collect data on physical activity and sleep. Recruitment will continue to reach target of 150 users with fitbit and app and a further 150 participants that are providing their data. • The aim is to promote healthier lifestyles and awareness of air pollution and to understand the role they can play. • Next steps are to look at deployment of fixed air sensors near to the local schools in order to collect more granular data at neighbourhood level on PMs and NO2. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Angela Probert</p>

Total Cost of visits = £60,188.66 (figure includes £49,022.05 for Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia)

No of visits by Members = 4

No of visits by Officers = 23

No of visits at No Cost to the City = 15

Total cost of visits undertaken between

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 January 2018 – 31 March 2018	17	£3,956.01
1 April 2018 – 30 June 2018	23	£60,188.86
Totals		£64,144.67

Costings Info for the previous period, 2014-2017:

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017	17	£13,788
1 July 2017 – 30 September 2017	7	£2,634
21 September 2017 – 14 December 2017	22	£7,026.18
Totals	46	£23,448.18

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2016 – 30 June 2016	25	£16,989
1 July – 30 September 2016	12	£5,133
1 October – 30 December 2016	36	£9,112
1 January 2017 – 31 March 2017	24	£14,839
Totals	97	£46,073

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015	36	£8,648
1 July – 30 September 2015	32	£18,740
1 October – 30 December 2015	42	£15,910
1 January 2016 - 31 March 2016	25	£16,687
Totals	135	£59,985

Visits summary 2014/2015

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014	28	£21,966
1 July – 30 September 2014	16	£7,833
1 October – 30 December 2014	39	£14,659
1 January 2015 to 31 March 2015	21	£9,540
Totals	104	£53,998